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Patti Crowder**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In the application of: Eldridge et al.

Application No.: 09/846,490

Filing Date: April 30, 2001

For: PROBE CARD ASSEMBLY AND KIT,
AND METHODS OF USING SAME

Examiner: C. Arbes

Group Art Unit: 3729

AMENDMENTAssistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated September 25, 2001, the period for response to which has been extended to February 25, 2002 by the accompanying petition for an extension of time, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claim 37 so that pending claims 37-42 read as follows:

37. (Amended) Method of fabricating tip structures for ends of contact structures, comprising:
depositing at least one layer of at least one conductive material on a surface of a substrate;
depositing a layer of masking material atop the at least one conductive layer;
patterning openings in the masking material;
depositing at least one layer of at least one conductive material into the openings; and
removing the masking material.

38. Method, according to claim 37, further comprising:
depositing a joining material on the at least one layer of at least one conductive material
previously deposited in the openings.

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Examiner Arbes,

Following on our conversation of this morning, attached please find the Response/Amendment and Terminal Disclaimer we filed in response to the Office Action dated Sept. 25, 2001. Also attached is the postcard reflecting the date stamp of March 8, 2002 when the U.S. Patent Office received said Response.

If you have any questions regarding the attached, please feel free to contact me.

Regards,

Patti Crowder
Executive Assistant and Legal Dept. Secretary